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After rising incidence of sexual harassment inside metro, women passengers demand BMRCL provide additional women-only coaches

STRIFE... IN A METRO

Daily ridership consistently crossing 7 lakh

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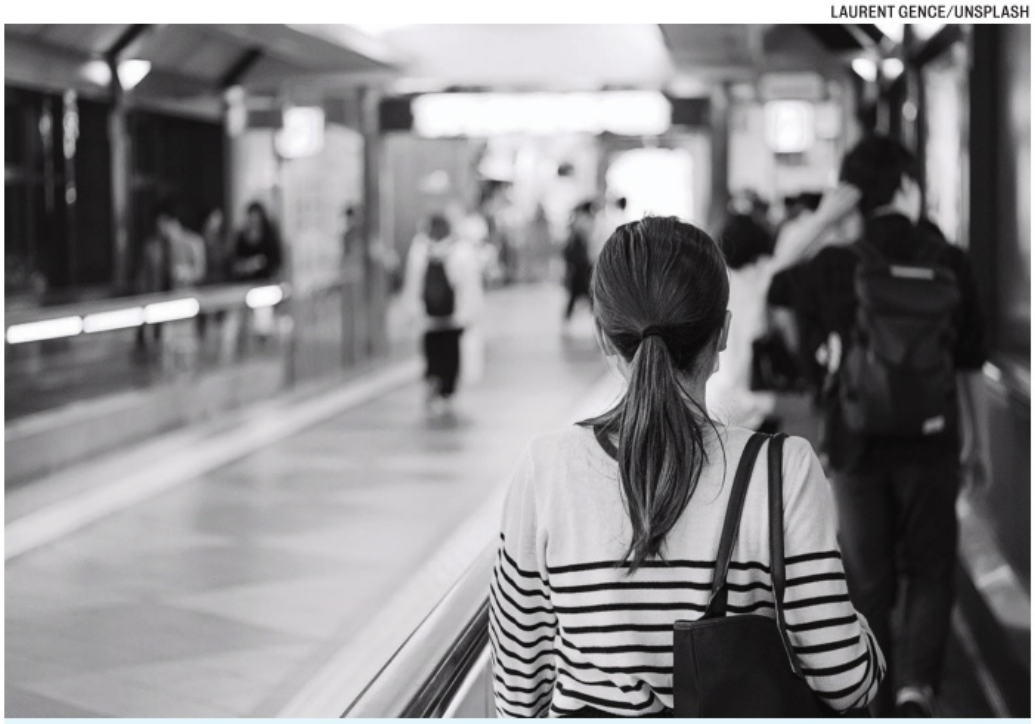

After the recent incident of alleged groping within a metro coach came to light, women commuters are demanding the women's section on the metro be extended to three coaches.

Experts have called on the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) to create awareness regarding the issue through announcements on trains and for better coordination with the police department to ensure redress for victims.

Kalpana C, a government employee who uses the metro services from Attiguppe to Vidhana Soudha said she has witnessed a significant increase in crowding since the opening of the entire Purple Line. Since the 2.1-km KR Puram-Baiyappanahalli and 1.9-km Kengeri-Challaghatta lines began operating from October 9, the daily ridership of BMRCL has been consistently crossing the 7 lakh mark. "If another coach was added to the women's section, women who are forced to travel in the regular

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> **"Can a police squad be available for every metro station that can immediately board the train at the next station before the offender gets off?**
>
> — Shaheen Shasa, BBPV

Trip wires in wired city

'Discarded wires strewn all over as BESCOM snapping wires, leaving it for BBMP to clear mess'

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The dangling cables/wires in the city are a big menace no doubt. Hence, there was a growing demand to snap these wires. However, now snapping of these wires have become a bigger menace as authorities have thrown these wires everywhere on the road without clearing the debris.

"Now, we need to walk extremely carefully on the road as you don't know when you will trip on the road as you can find nothing else but snapped wires. This is a classic example as to what will happen when you do things for the sake of doing without coordination.

This makes me wonder about Bengaluru which boasts several sobriquets to its credit that have made it famous; but the sobriquet of being the 'wired city' is a blot. Now, with authorities, both the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and BESCOM, taking action to cut all the wires, most of these wires are left on the road and can sometimes pose potential danger to pedestrians as well," said Girish Naik, a techie.

Following the recent electrocution of a mother and daughter, BESCOM has undertaken a drive to cut all the wires attached to their poles. "If you happen to walk near any BESCOM pole on any main road, then you

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Theatre time

Playwright Henry Naylor, acclaimed at the Edinburgh, Hollywood, and Adelaide Fringe Festivals, is currently on his Indian tour. The premiere of Naylor's award-winning autobiographical play, Afghanistan is Not Funny, will be held at one of the most popular venues in Bengaluru.
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
When: Saturday, December 9; 3:30 pm and 7:30 pm

02 Let art speak

Get ready for an exclusive art show that features eight master artists from Karnataka. The artists whose works will be showcased are KK Hebbar, Yusuf Arakkal, SG Vasudev, Dr MS Murthy, Rekha Hebbar Rao, JMS Mani, Gurudas Shenoy, and MG Doddamani.
Where: Bangalore International Centre, BIC 7, 4th Main Rd, Stage 2, Domlur
When: December 6

03 Soulful music

If you have been waiting for an extravaganza experience of music, then here's your chance to attend Magnetic Music Season 01 by ZLB23. The event features a lineup of nine bands from around the world and a selection of some of the finest musicians in these genres.
Where: ZLB23, The Leela Palace, Old Airport Road
When: until December 15; 8 pm onwards

Safety first: Inspecting the aging structures

BBMP decides to assess condition of old buildings, including schools, hospitals within its jurisdiction; decision follows Nov 25 nursery building collapse

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Following the recent collapse of a nursery school, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has awakened and now decided to check the 'health' of the old buildings under its purview. A team of officials from the Quality Control cell has been deputed to survey all the schools, colleges, and hospital buildings that come under BBMP. The trigger was the November 25 incident, when a nursery school building under BBMP control collapsed. This 75-year-old building had 80 children studying. However, luckily, the building collapsed in the wee hours, and hence there was no loss of life. However, if the incident had happened during school hours, it would have become one of the worst human tragedies in Bengaluru.

A senior official said, "We have asked the team to conduct a thorough survey to check the quality of the buildings and report the same by December 5. This should not be just one of the knee-jerk surveys but should be an annual survey done every year by March before the academic year begins in the case of educational institutions." However, given the daunting task, it needs to be seen whether the report can be submitted on time.

PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

There are 93 nurseries and 33 high schools to be checked

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–a senior official

For this purpose, four teams have been constituted that will visit the pre-nursery, Anganwadis, primary and high schools, PU colleges, degree colleges, and hospital buildings. The team will have executive and assistant executive engineers. Each team will visit all the buildings in two zones. They need to physically visit every building and submit a report. The team has been asked to not just merely visit but also check the strength and condition of the walls, slabs, beams, etc. If the need arises, they need to collect the samples and send them to the laboratory as well. The team has also been instructed to interact with the staff and students of these schools and colleges and get more information. The report will state whether the building needs immediate repair or whether the buildings are in such a shape that they need to be razed and built afresh.

Officials said that it is a huge task given the fact that there are 93 nurseries, 16 primaries, 33 high schools, 19 PU, and four-degree colleges. Of these, seven are on rented premises. Around 24 schools and colleges were earlier slated to be repaired, and it would cost Rs 10 crore. The tenders have been finalised. However, for the other 14 buildings that need urgent repair, tenders were called three times, but no one participated. Now, BBMP wants to call for a tender for the fourth time. It is said that many of the schools are in very bad condition. Students who are studying in these schools are scared to sit in these classrooms, as there is no guarantee as to when they will collapse. BBMP officials say that they have received Rs 42 crore under the CM's Amruta Nagarothana scheme to construct 42 new schools and colleges. These projects will be taken up in 10 packages. The government has given approval for the same recently.

On the other hand, the 'health' of the hospitals is also not in good condition. There are 144 primary health centres and 28 maternal hospitals. Under the Amruta Nagarothana scheme, BBMP plans to construct 40 PHCs. For this, Rs 36.97 crore is required. Another Rs 27.51 crore is required to upgrade and repair the 84 PHCs.

Vax and relax: Advocating for adults

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On Monday, Manipal Hospitals, Whitefield launched an adult vaccination programme

While many assume that vaccinations are only for kids, in fact, there are many vaccinations that need to be taken by adults as a precautionary measure. On Monday, Manipal Hospitals, Whitefield launched an adult vaccination programme and neighbourhood desk. Doctors said that while vaccinations for children are widely emphasised, adult vaccinations are equally crucial. There is a general lack of awareness in the community about the importance of adult vaccinations, a significant move to address the often-overlooked aspect of adult healthcare.

Arnab Mondal (Hospital Director, Manipal Hospital, Whitefield Cluster) said, "The launch of our Adult Vaccination Programme underscores our commitment to providing comprehensive healthcare solutions. By addressing the unique vaccination needs of adults, we aim to build a healthier community and reduce the burden of preventable diseases. The initiative focuses on the critical need for vaccinations in adults, shedding light on the prevailing lack of awareness in the community regarding adult vaccinations."

He said that due to the confusion surrounding Navigating Travel Vaccine Guidelines, Manipal Hospitals was educating and guiding individuals on the necessity of travel vaccinations, ensuring their health and safety during travel.

"Menopause brings about physiological and hormonal changes in women, making them more vulnerable to infections. The Adult Vaccination Programme recognises the unique healthcare needs during pre- and post-menopause and advocates for vaccinations to protect and enhance women's health during this transitional period. Besides, as individuals age, their immune systems undergo changes that can impact their ability to fight off infections, otherwise called immunosenescence," he explained.

Highlighting the importance of vaccinations for senior citizens, especially when their bodies are at the threshold of immunosenescence, the programme underscores how vaccines play a crucial role in building a resilient and healthy community. Manipal Hospitals had launched neighbourhood desks within the hospital premises.

Cyber criminals try to strike in name of Army

Co-director of language training company raises concerns over receiving fraudulent call from individual impersonating Indian army officer

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A partner-cum-co-director of Sacramento Resource Management was all set to lose money, but awareness of cyber fraud saved him from cyber crime fraudsters on Friday. The co-director was about to believe the fraudster and oblige him, as he claimed to be an army officer who wanted to transfer Rs 15,000 towards spoken English classes for his two daughters, aged 16 and 14, for a 30-day online course.

Sacramento Resource Management is an overseas education, student career counselling, and language training company based in Cochin with a branch in Bengaluru.

"My staff got a call on November 30 from a Hindi-speaking guy saying he wants spoken English classes for his 16- and 14-year-old daughters as early as possible. He identified himself as an Indian Army personnel based on the outskirts of Mumbai," said the co-director of Sacramento Resource Management.

He said that the army personnel told him that the purpose of the English classes was so that he could get his daughters admitted to the army. "As my staff could not follow Hindi, she referred this person to me. I spoke to Manjeet Singh on December 1, and he was ready to transfer Rs 15,000 towards one month's course fees as early as possible. He said since the army does not permit money transfers to an establishment QR code, we had to share any personal QR code to which he would transfer the money.

"He shared a copy of his Aadhaar card and Army Canteen Smart card. Further, he said one person named Srikant from the army station payment department would call me for the payment process. (That he is eligible for a defence subsidy for children's education.) Later, I got a call from someone identified by Truecaller as Pankaj Pandey. He said his name was Nitin and that I should share my personal QR code, to which he would initially transfer Re1. On confirmation of receipt, he would transfer the balance to Rs 14,999," added the co-director.

The co-director said that a second look at Manjeet's Aadhar card showed his age as 32 years, and he said he had a 16-year-old daughter. "When I questioned him, his story was that he adopted his brother's daughter after they died in a car accident. It was also surprising that these guys were desperate to transfer Rs 15,000 to someone unknown and into my personal account. I questioned Nitin as to who he was, and he too identified himself as being an officer in the Special Duty Indian Army payment cell. They didn't disclose their address. I asked Nitin how he wanted me to acknowledge receipt of Re1, to which he said he would forward a link, which I should accept. That was when I realised that this was a cyber fraud call," he explained.

> **"I called the cybercrime helpline on 1930 and also 112 in Bengaluru. 1930 said that since there was no money loss, they would not attend to this**
> – co-director

He said the scary part of this experience was the use of the Indian Army as authentication. The WhatsApp DP of Manjeet Singh had the Indian Army insignia.

"I called the cybercrime helpline in 1930 and also 112 in Bengaluru. 1930 said that since there was no transaction or money loss, they would not attend to this. 112 said they are not responsible for such cases and that I should speak to 1930 or the local PS control room. The Bengaluru police don't think impersonating the Indian Army is a serious offence. Thankfully, I got away without any loss," he said.

Car rams into parked bus

A speeding car struck a parked bus, causing it to catch fire in the early hours of Monday at Chandra Layout bus stop on Nagarabhavi Main Road. The crash barely spared the passengers on the BMTC bus from serious injuries.

While waiting for passengers to board or get off the bus at a halt, Gourish B, the driver, was travelling from Yeshwanthpura to Nayandahalli when a speeding car struck the back of the bus and caused it to catch fire. The car's occupants leaped out right away, followed by the passengers.

Gourish used the fire extinguisher that was stored inside the bus to put out the flames that travelled around the partially damaged back end of the vehicle. Meanwhile, the automobile had been entirely dismantled. After racing to the scene, a firefighter extinguished the flames and then sealed off the area. A senior police official stated, "No one suffered injuries in the accident as passengers of both the car and the bus got off immediately." —BMB

BJP leader booked in forgery case

L R Shivarame Gowda, a prominent member of the Karnataka BJP and former MP for the Lok Sabha, is the target of a formal complaint brought by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) alleging forgery and deception amounting to Rs 12.48 crore. Following a report from the Assistant General Manager of Punjab National Bank, Shivarame Gowda has been booked by the police.

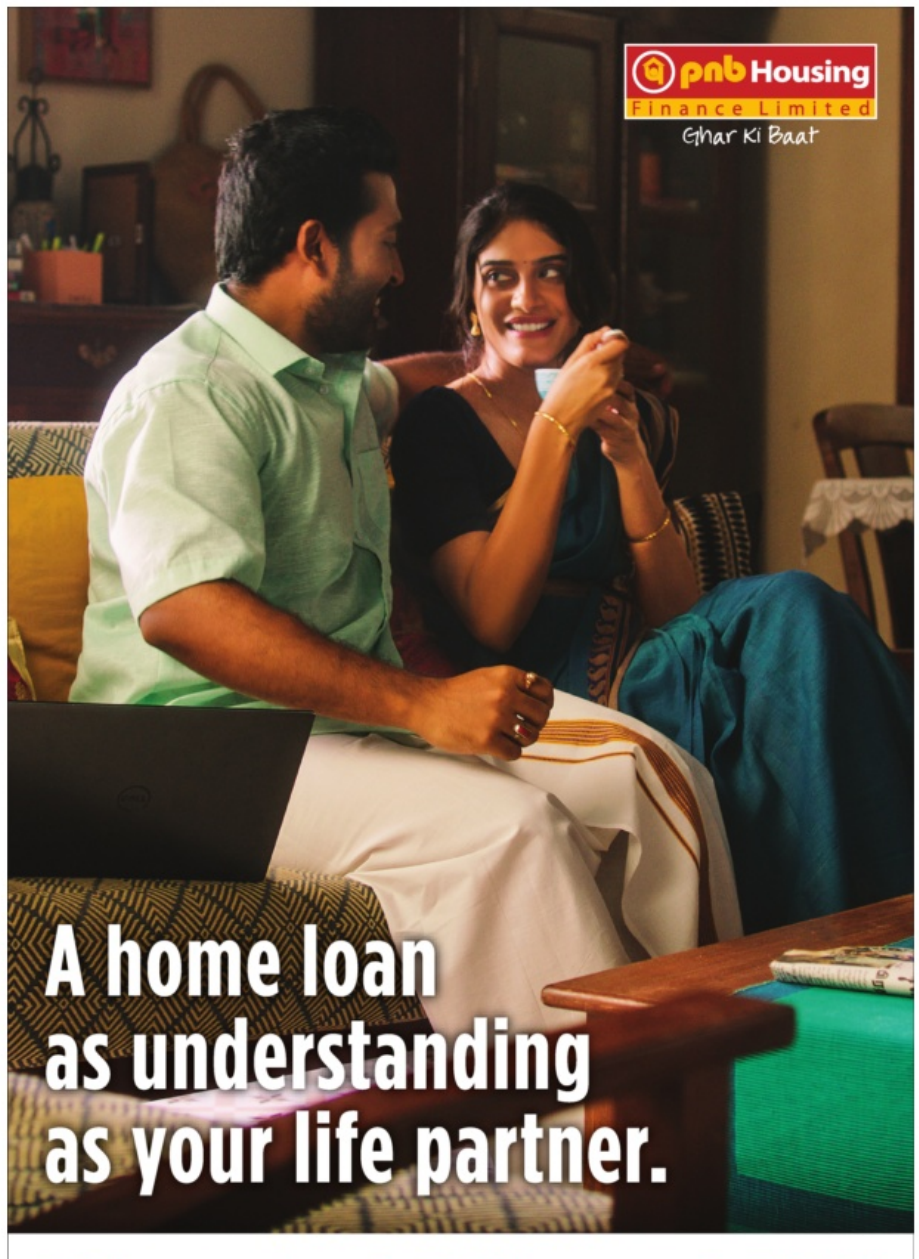
Shivarame Gowda and numerous other people, including his wife Sudha, son Chethan Gowda, daughter-in-law Bhavya Gowda, and others, have also been booked by the CBI.

The eight suspects have been booked by the CBI under several provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act. —BMB

Retired IAS officer accused of rape

A retired IAS official was the subject of a formal complaint filed by police on Monday for allegedly raping a woman in Bengaluru. The 28-year-old woman complained to the Tilaknagar police station, and as a result, a FIR was filed. According to sources, the police have started looking into the retired official, Ramachandra.

The woman said in her complaint that he first laced her drinks with drugs and then raped her. According to the woman, she is currently in her eighth month of pregnancy. The police told BM that they are investigating the case. —BMB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71 lakes to get a splashy upgrade

City's lakes all set for rejuvenation through the Amruta Nagarothana 2022-23 scheme

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The city's lakes, still in poor condition, are set to undergo a facelift with 71 lakes included in the Amruta Nagarothana 2022-23 scheme. Responding to a Lok Sabha question, Union Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav, stated, "As per the information provided by the Karnataka government, 47 lakes under Nava Nagarothana 2018-19, five lakes under Subhra Bangaluru Solid Waste Management (SWM) grants, eight lakes under 15th Finance Grants, and 71 lakes under the Amruta Nagarothana 2022-23 scheme have been developed or taken up for development with a cumulative grant/fund of approximately Rs. 590 crore."

When Bengaluru Central MP PC Mohan raised the question in Parliament inquiring about the details of the total number of lakes in Bengaluru, their current status, ecological health, and any ongoing conservation/restoration efforts made by the Government, Yadav said, "As per the information provided by the State Government of Karnataka, there are a total of 204 lakes under the control of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), out of which 114 lakes are developed, and 38 lakes have been taken up for development. Further, 33 lakes are undeveloped, and 19 lakes are disused. Along with the annual maintenance of the lakes, security staff has also been deployed to avoid encroachment, and control the dumping of garbage and building wastes within the lake area. Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) are established at some lakes, and the treated water is discharged into the lakes. Sewage diversion drains are constructed in most of the developed lakes to prevent the entry of sewage into the lakes. Sedimentation ponds are constructed to prevent the entry of silt into the main water body. Artificial islands and green pathways have been constructed in some lakes to increase their biodiversity."

Bengaluru's lakes gear up for restoration

> **"Along with the annual maintenance of the lakes, security staff has also been deployed to avoid encroachment**
> –Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change

Yadav said that his ministry had notified the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017, under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, as a regulatory framework for the conservation and management of wetlands across the country. The aim is to conserve, manage, and maintain the ecological character of the wetlands without restricting their wise use.

"The said rules restrict activities such as solid waste dumping, discharge of untreated wastes, and effluents from industries, cities, towns, villages, and other human settlements. We are also implementing a centrally sponsored scheme, namely, the National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems (NPCA), for the conservation and management of wetlands in the country, including Karnataka, on a cost-sharing basis between the Central Government and respective State Governments. The scheme covers various activities such as interception, diversion, and treatment of wastewater; shoreline protection; lakefront development; in-situ cleaning (desilting and de-weeding, stormwater management, bioremediation); catchment area treatment; lake beautification; survey and demarcation; bio-fencing; fisheries development; weed control; biodiversity conservation; education and awareness creation; and community participation, etc.," he added.

The Union Minister approved Rs 24.27 crore for Karnataka's proposals from 2002 to 2010. The funds aimed to conserve eight Bengaluru wetlands, such as Vengaiahkere, Nagavara, Jarganahalli, Lal Bagh, Bellandur, Gowramma, Homballama, and Magadi. The Central share of Rs 13.794 crore was disbursed to Karnataka for wetland conservation. He also stated that all projects have been completed.

Panathur takes stand against traffic crisis

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Panathur residents have long grappled with severe traffic congestion, a result of the narrow Panathur railway underbridge (Panathur Rub Vent/RUB) and the cramped S Road Cross. Despite initial plans to widen the S Cross and construct an additional vent, the project remains incomplete, leaving residents in daily misery. In response, frustrated residents have decided to take matters into their own hands, organising a protest on Saturday, December 9, demanding the widening of the S Cross and improved road quality.

Back in 2019, citizens protested for the same issue, and now, four years later, they find themselves in the same predicament with no favourable changes. Despite residing in large apartment complexes, they still lack basic necessities. The persistent traffic congestion has led to people reaching their workplaces late, and even schoolchildren are delayed. The situation has worsened with the Chroma Road shutdown, leaving commuters with only one route through the RUB, where they face long waiting hours.

Panathur residents rise against traffic turmoil

A resident of Belagere Road expressed frustration, stating, "The Chroma Road has been closed due to railway bridge work. With this road completely shut down, our only access to the Outer Ring Road (ORR) is through an alternative route. The commute from Belagere to tech parks on ORR, approximately 3-4 km away, now takes an agonising 1.5 to 2 hours. Despite police personnel coordinating on both sides, the wait time remains at 1.5 hours."

The resident further added that in the past month alone, there have been instances of school buses getting stuck around 7:30 am, reaching schools by 9:30 am, causing delays.

"The closure of Chroma Road leaves us with the Panathur RUB as the only option, leading to severe congestion. Belagere Road, lined with apartment complexes, relies on this route, and despite repeated pleas, the project to widen the S Cross Road has been dragging on for years," the resident said.

A member from Namma Belagere stated, "Crossing this stretch is extremely challenging. Every day, people are frustrated trying to navigate through it. Elected representatives have given assurances multiple times to address the issues, but so far, nothing has been done, and citizens are enduring the consequences. In 2017, we initiated an online petition, with thousands of signatures demanding better roads and infrastructure, yet no action has been taken. Citizens are spending an hour to cross just one kilometre every day. This is simply unacceptable."

In October, the Mahadevpura Task Force (MTF) highlighted that the Panathur underpass could not be utilised due to land acquisition issues hindering the completion of approach roads.

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Street mess
Brunton Road

Garbage is scattered on the roads around Brunton Road Cross, necessitating urgent attention and cleanup measures.

Debris dangers
Shivaji Nagar

Debris is accumulating in Jewellery Street, Commercial 4th Cross, posing both aesthetic and safety concerns for residents and visitors.

Long-term neglect
KR Puram

Construction debris near Sri Ram Hospital in KR Puram has been neglected for over five months. Despite the nearby BBMP office, no intervention or fines have been imposed on the responsible builder.

Halt, who builds there? BBMP marshals its forces

In unique initiative, marshals shall keep check on illegal construction at layout

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In a one-of-its-kind initiative, marshals are being used to monitor illegal building construction at White Rose Layout. This comes at a time when the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) was mulling cutting down its marshal force. BBMP marshals from the Solid Waste Management department are primarily tasked with handling issues of solid waste from overseeing door-to-door pickup of garbage and clearing roadside dumping. For the first time, marshals are being used for monitoring illegal building constructions.

After a survey by Whitefield residents, BBMP officials took to task buildings being constructed illegally in the Layout. Nearly 30-40 buildings were served notices and orders were issued to stop construction.

"We have requested two marshals for the area. They patrol the area and ensure that construction is not resumed in buildings deemed illegal. They patrol the area from 6 am to 10 pm and if they detect any illegal construction, they report to the BBMP engineer, " said a official.

While the marshals are primarily tasked with SWM work, they have also been deployed for footpath encroachment removal drives and mask enforcement.

"Strangely, the BBMP has a ready police force on standby but it never uses it to police, and allows lawlessness to thrive across the city. The Lokayukta or the High Court can also launch a suo moto investigation into the matter to find a fix

But, recently BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath hinted that the Palike was thinking of scaling down the force by 75 per cent. A committee has been formed to figure out the exact scaling down and its optimum utilisation.

Activists say the utilisation of marshals for monitoring illegal building constructions is a model for the city. "The White Rose Layout action against illegal constructions has opened the eyes of the public to the fact that the BBMP does have a policing arm, ie., the marshal force, which it has deployed for the very first time to stop illegal constructions. This has people wondering why it has not been used all these years, especially when the BBMP commissioner recently made a statement that they don't have enough work," said Sandeep Anirudhan, Convenor of Citizens' Agenda for Bengaluru.

According to him, when the city is crumbling around us due to unauthorised constructions, how can the marshal not have work? He wondered why marshals are not being deployed for regular patrolling and inspection activities to prevent construction where approved plans are not displayed on the outer wall of the property, as mandated by the bylaws.

They could also prevent construction without a commencement certificate, as committed by the commissioner to the High Court, he suggested and they can also verify visual deviations from the plan. "Strangely, the BBMP has a ready police force on standby but it never uses it to police, and allows wholesale lawlessness to thrive. If a dedicated anti-violations Marshal Patrol is deployed in every ward, all neighbourhoods can be patrolled day and night and violations will be curbed. The same force can enforce against footpath violations, etc. and penalise every time they enforce a violation. The BBMP Commissioner also needs to issue steep fines, for every instance of construction violation. The Lokayukta or the High Court can launch a suo moto investigation into the matter to find a fix," he said.

Rise in murder cases, mostly over disputes: NCRB

A total of 1,404 cases of murder were registered in 2022 in Karnataka with a majority of them being due to fallout of disputes followed by 'personal vendetta or enmity', according to the latest report released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

An analysis of the NCRB data showed that the number of murder cases in the state have increased from 1,357 in 2021 to 1,404 last year. Among the 28 states, a maximum of 3,491 cases of murder were registered in Uttar Pradesh followed by Bihar (2,930) and Maharashtra (2,295) while Karnataka was at the 8th position in 2022.

The murder rate in Karnataka stood at 2.1 per lakh population, while the charge-sheeting in such cases was 90.2, according to the NCRB, which is tasked with collection and analysis of crime data.

'Disputes' with 706 cases was the motive in highest number of murder cases in the state in 2022 followed by 'personal vendetta or enmity in 353 cases, illicit relationships in 108 cases, 'gain' in 59 cases, love affairs in 44 cases, noted the data in the annual crime report of the NCRB, which functions under Union Ministry of Home Affairs.

Of total murder victims, the majority were male (1,007); 472 were female and three were third gender persons, the data stated.

Crimes against women

Karnataka also recorded a sharp increase in cases of crimes against women in 2022, according to the data.

The data showed 17,813 FIRs on crimes against women were registered in Karnataka in 2022 against 14,468 the previous year.

Karnataka stood in the 10th position on the overall list. The rate of crimes against women in Karnataka stood at 53.6 per lakh population while chargesheeting in such cases was at 82.8, according to the data.

Among the various cases of crimes against women, 6,201 were related to assault with intent to outrage a woman's modesty followed by 3,141 pertaining to offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act and 2,812 of cruelty by husband or his relatives.

Another 2,224 cases were related to the Dowry Prohibition Act while 1,812 were cases were of kidnapping and abduction of women.

Karnataka also registered 595 rape cases in 2022. In the majority of these cases, the offender was known to the victim.

It also registered 288 cases of abetment to suicide of women, 235 FIRs related to cybercrimes/Information Technology Act (women-centric crimes), 165 on dowry deaths and 78 cases of insult to modesty of women. **PTI**

Police patrol sought after attack on elderly woman at home in Whitefield

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After armed robbers assaulted and robbed an 86-year-old woman in Whitefield on Sunday night, there is fear in the neighbourhood. The woman is said to have become a victim of assault twice in six months.

According to her neighbours, the woman had stepped out at 8 pm to bring in clothes drying in the back verandah of her house on Borewell Road. At that point, two miscreants barged in and held her at knifepoint. They also snatched her phone, which made the matter worse as her hearing aid is connected to her phone.

"They asked for cash and she gave them around Rs 15,000. While they were distracted looking for valuables, she managed to escape and locked herself in the bedroom and placed furniture against the door to barricade it," claimed a source.

The two men kept banging on her door saying that they would return the phone if she opened the door. "She told them they had a knife so she wouldn't open it. They then passed the knife to her through the window. They kept her hostage till about 10 pm. They returned at night and were trying to get in," added the source.

The victim was not willing to make a complaint as, she feels she will be inconvenienced by having to go several times to the police station and court. "Plus, without her phone she cannot hear."

However, some residents raised the issue on social media and also contacted the police about safety issues in the area.

"DCP Whitefield is initiating a suo moto investigation. He has taken the location and the details," said Sandeep Anirudhan, Convenor, Citizens' Agenda for Bengaluru. He added that police have improved the dial 112 service and Hoysala patrols rush to a scene, but the regular beat service has become less effective. "Beat constables know the lay of the land so this needs to be strengthened," he said.

Following the incident, the residents in the area have expressed concerns regarding police patrolling. "Night patrolling has not happened in the past few days. We have made repeated complaints late at night over nuisances in the layout. Police attend to the complaint, but do not conduct routine rounds," said a resident.

Another resident Shanthi added that she has been living in the area for the past two decades and she has noticed that whenever there is lack of police patrolling, there is an increase in crime. "It is horrifying the woman was attacked twice in the last six months. There is a need for regular and strict patrolling," she added.

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Ejipura flyover project back to square one

Construction at standstill once again as project faces setbacks over tree felling

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While Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) resumed work on the 2.5-kilometre Ejipura flyover last week, it has again come to a standstill.

Out of the 67 trees proposed to be felled for construction of the flyover, the Palike removed nine trees on December 1. The rest of the trees standing in the project area were also to be chopped on the same day. However, a special order issued by the Deputy Conservator of Forest (DCF), BBMP, brought the work to a screeching halt.

According to the DCF, the work has been on hold as multiple city-based associations have come forward, objecting to the felling of 67 trees for the proposed flyover.

"Permission to cut 67 trees was given by the Tree Expert Committee (TEC) after conducting an inspection of the trees standing in the project area. However, multiple associations in the city have objected to cutting of 67 trees and one has also reached the Karnataka High Court with an application. Although we have not received any direction from the court yet, we have halted the work on the request of these associations," said BLG Swamy, DCF, BBMP.

Ejipura flyover faces fresh setback over tree felling

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Ejipura flyover work resumes; stirs worry

After a prolonged hiatus, BBMP resumes the Ejipura flyover project, despite criticism from activists and residents due to objections over tree removal

BM's report on Dec 2 about the resumed construction of the Ejipura Flyover

The work has been temporarily suspended after a city-based environmentalist reached out to the DCF citing legal infirmities in the Office Memorandum (OM) ordering the removal of 67 trees that was published by BBMP on November 15.

"...the present office memorandum is only a renewal of the first office memorandum (the first OM was published in August 2021) and does not add anything further to the existing OM. The details of the project, and the number of trees to be retained, felled, and translocated remain the same. When the first OM was issued on August 13, 2021, its validity was challenged in Karnataka High Court on various grounds including non-application of mind by the Expert Committee and the fact that accompanying details of the OM were not uploaded on the designated website. The details which were uploaded had severe discrepancies, even by way of the present OM these issues continue to persist. The first OM and its validity is pending consideration in the High Court," said a letter written by Dattatreya Devare, trustee of Bangalore Environment Trust (BET).

According to Swamy, since BET has taken legal recourse, BBMP would wait for direction from the High Court on the matter. However, since the flyover project already has approval, the removal of some of the trees will continue over the coming days.

"Out of 67 trees, we will be felling at least 20 trees as the project cannot be completed without cutting these. Decision on the rest of the 47 trees will be taken after we receive directions from the court," added Swamy.

> **"The details which were uploaded had severe discrepancies, even by way of the present OM these issues continue to persist** –Dattatreya Devare, Trustee, Bangalore Environment Trust

Tree activists in the city say this only goes to show the half-hearted and shoddy work done by TEC in recommending felling.

"TEC has not done the assessment well. Given so many objections filed in the past, TEC should have commented on every tree citing reasons for felling. A public consultation meeting should have happened as well. A feasibility report should have been prepared by a credible institute and an Environment Impact Assessment should also have been conducted," said a resident.

Who shall dispose of discarded wires?

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are sure to see snapped wires all around. BESCOM has been cutting the wires and leaving it to the BBMP to clear the mess. However, the BBMP personnel are not showing the same urgency in clearing the debris. This has turned out to be an eyesore," said Pragati S, a college student.

However, the snapping of wires has posed challenges for those who depend on the internet and cable at home. "I understand that there should not be any illegal laying of wires. However, the customers are taking a big hit. We have been facing a lot of internet outages, and this is hampering my work. Whenever I question the service providers, they say that the wires are being cut, and hence they are facing disruption in supply. Meanwhile, cable connections are also impacted due to the snapping of wires. I hope the authorities and the service providers sit across the table and sort out the issue and ensure the customers are least inconvenienced."

However, the wires, even tied to trees, are posing a danger to pedestrians. For instance, BVK Iyengar Road, frequented by thousands daily, has numerous wires hanging. Shivaprasad S, a BM reader, said: "At the BVK Iyengar Road junction of Kempegowda Main Road, adjacent to the Majestic area, a wire connected to a nearby wall poses a safety risk for pedestrians. Due to a leaning plant towards BVK Iyengar Road, some individuals secured a plastic wire over the footpath to the bent plant to prevent it from falling onto the road. Unfortunately, this has become hazardous as pedestrians navigate carefully, causing irritation. Many are concerned that the wire may accidentally entangle around their necks. Walkers on the footpath demand that authorities recognise the situation and take appropriate action to alleviate the annoyance and danger to pedestrians by properly placing supports for the planted plant here."

Earlier, energy minister KJ George said: "Before asking the OFCs to be snapped, we need to provide an alternative. On the Tender S.U.R.E roads, there is a provision of ducts. So, on such roads, we will provide a 15-day window period for the operators to lay them underground. However, on other roads, the BBMP needs to provide permission to dig up the roads, and hence we will discuss with authorities what measures could be taken there to take the cables underground. As per our ACT, no one should put OFC on our transformer or poles. If we say that all OFCs should be snapped, then it will be done shortly. However, we cannot do it without an alternative, so we need to give it a fortnight's time. If the wires are still hanging, then we will snap. In those roads where there are ducts, the cables have to go, and only their wires will be cut if they are still hanging."

Walling fiasco unleashes chaos at Moore Road

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The retaining wall of the stormwater drain in Moore Road, broken by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for desilting, has turned into a garbage dump. Having not been restored for years, it continues to be a source of contamination for SWD water and a health hazard for residents.

Approximately four years ago, the retaining wall of the storm water drain near Moore Road was broken for desilting. Following the tear-down, the spot became an easy target for garbage dumpers. Residents report that commercial establishments persist in dumping their waste near the broken wall. As the waste piles up, it gets pushed into the drain. Some culprits even directly dump waste into the drain, further contaminating the water.

"We have been facing this issue for the past four years at least. People are dumping garbage, and sometimes even burning it. The garbage pile burns for two days, posing serious respiratory issues. Kids in the area are constantly falling sick, and we are seeing a rise in mosquitoes. We even have a few dengue cases. Due to the waste, there is an increase in the breeding of cockroaches and rats," said Shivagami, a resident.

BBMP's broken wall: Moore Road's environmental quandary

Adjacent to the storm water drain is a government school where hundreds of children are exposed to the stinking smell and hazardous environment. Additionally, the residents say that the neglected state of the area is turning it into a yellow site. "Men come and urinate on the premises. At night, a lot of drunkards hound the area, making it unsafe for women," she added.

Residents say that the BBMP must fix the retaining wall to prevent the place from becoming a sight for sore eyes. "Everyone comes and dumps the waste. There is too much smell coming from the area. The wall was broken by BBMP for desilting and it wasn't restored. Officials need to restore it immediately," said Asif, a resident. "The broken wall has become a reason for garbage dumping. The open wall also poses a safety risk for residents," said Habiba Subhan, a civic activist.

GO WELL, ARJUNA

Elephant capture ops turns tragic after forest dept loses its strongest tusker, who was star of Mysore Dasara for 8 years

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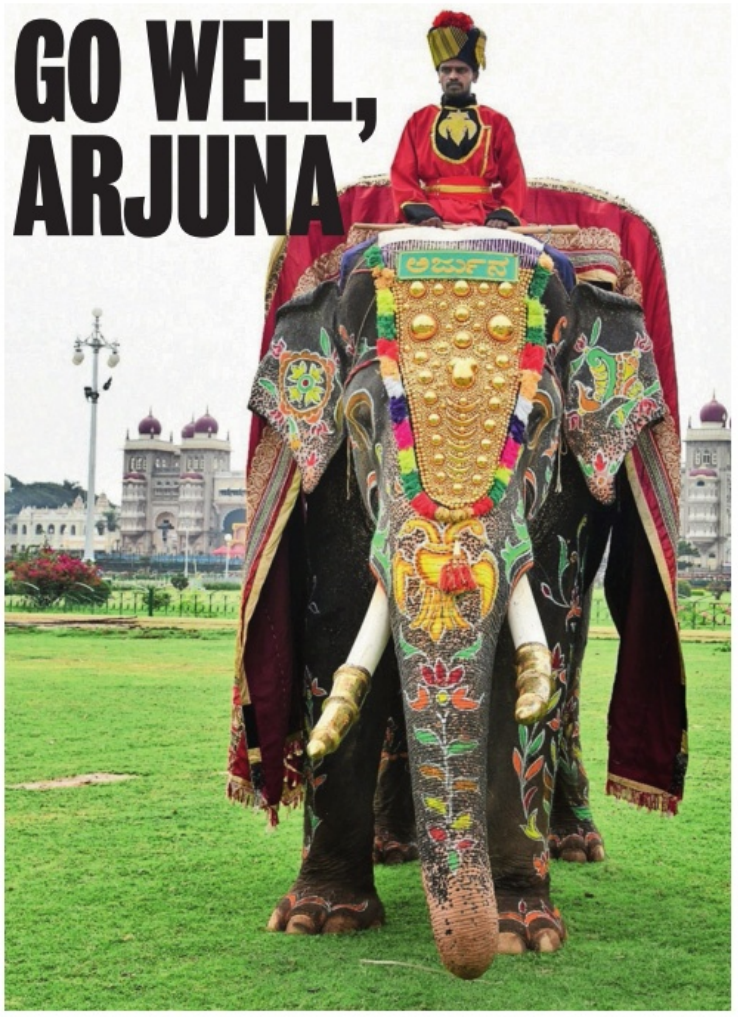

Sixty-four-year-old Dasara fame elephant Arjuna died on Monday in a fight with a wild elephant. The incident took place during an elephant capture operation by the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) near Yeslur in Sakleshpur.

According to KFD officials, the accident took place around 2 pm when the forest staff were conducting the operation with four domestic elephants including Arjuna with all necessary precautions.

KFD was conducting the operation in Yeslur as Hassan district faces a high number of man-elephant conflict cases. In the operation, a wild tusker was supposed to be darted and radio-collared. However, when the KFD team approached the wild elephant, they realised the animal was in musth and he immediately charged Arjuna.

"They started fighting and the veterinarian and mahout both fell. However, they somehow escaped and stood at a distance while the two elephants continued to fight. Our officials fired in the air so the wild animal ran away but that did not happen. The fight went on for 15-20 minutes and unfortunately, Arjuna got stabbed in the chest and the stomach. He fell and that was when the wild elephant retreated. Veterinarians ran towards Arjuna only to find him breathing his last," said Kumar Pushkar, APCCF (Wildlife), Karnataka Forest Department.

Arjuna was regarded as the most powerful elephant in the department and had carried the golden howdah in Dasara for eight years.

"All elephant capture operations are risky and not just kumki elephants but KFD staff are also at risk. We have been losing some of our people too in elephant-capturing operations. But, we need to resort to such operations looking at the high number of human-elephant conflict cases," said a KFD official.

However, wildlife activists have alleged that the elephant-capturing operation on Monday by KFD hit a snag when the KFD veterinarian tranquilised another Kumki elephant accidentally. Activists say while accidents in such operations are not uncommon, KFD staff involved in such cases are often inexperienced. "We have got confirmed reports from the spot that the department's veterinarian tranquilised another Kumki elephant by mistake while the kumki herd was trying to corner the wild elephant. The department should look at boarding experienced veterinarians. Most of the current doctors with KFD are not experienced. Moreover, the condition of the wild elephant has to be assessed before starting the operation. The wild elephant, in this case, was in musth, and capturing such an elephant is not in line with the SOP," said Joseph Hoover, former State Board for Wildlife member and founder of the United Conservation Movement and Charitable Trust.

> **"All elephant capture operations are risky for kumki elephants and for KFD staff**
>
> –KFD official

This tragedy took place just two days after a incident in Chikkamagaluru where a wild elephant died during a capture. Experts say these incidents should be analysed. They say elephants above a certain age, like Arjuna, should not be involved in high-risk operations.

"Having robust SOPs in place, and staff trained in it, will prevent incidents like in the recent past where a wild elephant stumbled and died on a steep terrain after it was darted. Radio collaring and elephant capture operations involve a high level of risk for both captive elephants and the wild ones along with the several ground staff involved," said Vinod Krishnan, Humane Society International/India.

Concern over unwanted barrier

Pedestrians utilising the footpath near KR Road have raised concerns about the barricaded end near the National College Metro Station, obstructing pedestrian movement. They urge the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to remove the barricade, ensuring unrestricted pedestrian access in the area.

Lake activist Raghavendra Pachhapur highlighted this issue on the social media platform X. Dr Vaishnavi K, Officer on Special Duty to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, acknowledged the issue on X, stating that it has been noted. **—BMB**

Byju's founder pledges homes to raise funds

Edtech major Byju Raveendran has reportedly pledged his home, as well as those owned by his family members, to raise money for paying employees amid a cash crunch.

According to Bloomberg, citing sources, two homes owned by Raveendran's family in Bengaluru, and his under-construction villa in the city — were offered as collateral to borrow $12 million to pay salaries to employees. **—IANS**

BM Trippin' Tales

Yellow boards only at Kodagu's Mandalpatti

Mandalpatti implements new measures with focus on safety and cleanliness

If you plan to drive your 4x4 to Mandalpatti, you won't be allowed as the Kodagu district administration has banned personal vehicles. In a recent meeting, officials stated, "Due to a number of mishaps, we have decided to allow only private vehicles of locals who are experienced in driving. We request the tourists to cooperate with us." It has been decided to put up plaques of tourist information at vantage points to benefit tourists. If the tourists face any problem, they can dial 112 for police help.

An official said, "As Mandalpatti became famous, there was a surge in tourists. However, as the road to Mandalapatti was quite challenging to drive, only those vehicles which had four-wheel drive were allowed. However, recently we saw some homestays were also ferrying passengers in whiteboards (own vehicles) which was violating government order. Till recently, there were more than 300 whiteboard vehicles ferrying tourists and charging exorbitant prices. As they were whiteboard vehicles, even RTO officials didn't have any say. However, tourists were alleging that they were being taken for a ride by being charged exorbitant prices. A few had even filed police complaints as well."

The official also added that following this, the district administration has given a diktat to those with yellow boards (four-wheel drives), and only they will be permitted in Mandalpatti at prices fixed by the RTO.

Interestingly, the regulation at Mandalpatti came into force after a tourist was assaulted during a duel in Abbi Falls.

Mandalpatti which is nestled amidst picturesque hills in Kodagu district shot into fame after ace director Yogaraj Bhat shot for his movie Gaalipata under the name-Mugilupete. The once obscure place for outsiders has since become popular, attracting crowds of people.

The place is under the purview of the forest department. According to the forest department guidelines, visitors have to directly head to Mandalpatti from the check post. The visitors will be barred from stopping in the middle of the road or trekking the nearby hills.

To prevent littering in the area, the forest department has decided to impose a refundable deposit at the entry point. Visitors carrying water bottles or other plastic items must first provide a declaration and then pay the deposit. Subsequently, they will be allowed entry, and upon their return, they must present proof of bringing back all their belongings to claim the deposit amount.

However, environmentalists have urged the forest department to limit entry to a few visitors and regulate access. This place falls under the Pushpagiri region, renowned for its exotic biodiversity.

—Sridhar Vivan

Women's safety: Are additional metro coaches a solution?

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section due to overcrowding can travel without anxiety. This facility can be enabled only during the peak hours as the crowd is maximum then, otherwise it is manageable," she said.

Yashwanth Chavan, the chief public relations officer (PRO) of BMRCL had previously noted that while two coaches have been designated only for women, each coach has four CCTV cameras that are monitored by the train operator.

Along with this, coaches possess passenger emergency alarm handles which can be used to make immediate contact with the train operator in case of any emergency. He had also noted that over 80% of the security staff deployed are female and a women home guard is stationed in the women's coaches post 10 pm until the revenue services end.

"In the long run, segregated spaces or avoiding crowds alone can't be our only response to sexual harassment. We have to educate our men on how to behave, to treat women with respect and dignity. What makes them think they can do this to women? Education, including through public awareness messaging and campaigns, have to actively take up this issue because it's not just limited to buses or metro," said Shaheen Shasa from the Bengaluru Bus Prayanikara Vedike (BBPV).

She explained there should be prominent messaging on sexual harassment – what constitutes sexual harassment and the punishment it carries – across metro stations, walkways and inside the compartments, including in the regular announcements at the station and within the trains.

"This should also include information about how women can instantly report harassment and get it immediately actioned on the spot," she added.

"Can a police squad be available or accessible for every metro station that can immediately board the train at the next station before the offender gets off the station, if an issue has been reported? How can the metro facilitate this? If the woman is not able to immediately report while in the train and the offender gets away, is there a centre available at every station where women can go and report the issue when they are getting off their trip? If such mechanisms are not there, they should be put in place," Shaheen said.

She added that Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) buses now advertise calling 112 for sexual harassment along with other crimes such as chain snatching. "But even here, it's not clear to us how the bus system and the police will coordinate to apprehend the offender while in transit. Similar things will have to be worked out for the metro as well," she said.

Anchal*, a writer who frequently uses the metro services, said sexual harassment in a setting of overcrowding is very easy for the accused to get away with.

"The accused tends to hide it under the guise of the crowd being aggressive and the lack of space. However, the victim can always feel the intent of a touch. The issue becomes complicated as the evidence, even if retrieved from CCTV cameras and other aspects, can be interpreted subjectively," she said, adding that a competent authority must be set up within the BMRCL to specially address sexual harassment cases, as victims would refrain from reporting the crime if they believe that the matter would be treated without sensitivity.

"The BMRCL must take full responsibility for providing redress while also involving the police as they are already burdened with law and order cases," she added.

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THE GREAT CARBON DIVIDE

Here's how to end reign of ultra-polluters

Climate change is overwhelmingly a problem of wealthy people. The wealthiest 1% of humanity produces over 1,000 times the emissions of the poorest 1%. In fact, these 77 million people are responsible for more climate-changing emissions than the poorest 66% (5 billion people) of humanity.

Since 1990, the personal emissions of the world's wealthiest have exploded. They are now 77 times larger than the level that would be compatible with a 1.5°C warming limit – a threshold beyond which whole island nations will possibly disappear.

If we are to keep future climate change to under 2°C then we must find a way to massively reduce economic inequality and redistribute both economic power and wealth.

Oxfam and the Stockholm Environment Institute have recently set out the scale of global carbon inequality. Carbon inequality is a measure of the difference in carbon pollution across society. It measures the degree to which someone is responsible for generating climate change through their consumption and control over social and economic resources.

The report sets out the vast scale of the disparity between the super-wealthy and the rest, arguing it would take approximately 1,500 years for someone in the bottom 99% to produce as much carbon as a single billionaire does in a year.

Emission inequity

The wealthiest 10% of humanity are responsible for half of all emissions. And the poorest 50% are responsible for just 8% – a decrease of 2% from the previous report in 2019, meaning carbon inequality has worsened over the past four years.

Who are these super-polluters? The richest 1% are billionaires, millionaires and people earning over US$140,000 (£110,000). The threshold to join the rarefied club of the top 10% is US$41,000 (£32,000), including most of the middle class in wealthier countries.

But these figures can be misleading. They don't really tell us what the average person in these groups earns (the average person in the top 10% earns US$90,000 per year), nor do they tell us where they live or why their emissions are so high.

Most of the 10% live in a small number of countries – Australia, Canada, the EU, US, UK, Japan, Korea, New Zealand and China. One-third of the emissions of the richest 1% come from the US, while 40% from the richest 10% come from the US and the EU. Another 20% come from individuals in China and India.

But as stark are the inequalities within countries. In fact, over the past 30 years, there has been a major shift from carbon inequality primarily being a consequence of differences in emissions between countries (62% in 1990) to differences within countries (64% in 2019).

The wealthiest 10% in most countries now produce five times the emissions of the average person, and vastly more than the poorest. As inequality between countries has decreased (although it is still significant), inequality within them has increased.

What causes this extreme level of pollution?

Being rich is essentially about having more stuff in general, including bigger houses. For the remaining 10% this also holds true. For example, if SUVs had not become widely adopted largely as a status symbol for the global middle classes, emissions from transport would have fallen by 30% over the past ten years.

For the largest class of SUVs, six of the ten areas of the UK registering the most sales were affluent London boroughs like Kensington and Chelsea.

A similar pattern holds for air travel. The richest people in the UK produce more carbon emissions from air travel than the poorest do through every aspect of their lives.

But the super-rich are responsible for climate change well beyond consumption-based emissions. The super-rich, by and large, run major companies, direct investments and shape national and international laws. They have an oversized and controlling impact on our media and public opinion, including through advertising and ownership of media outlets. And they directly shape policy through lobbying and paid-for influence.

While their money and power make them overwhelmingly responsible for climate change, they are also insulated from the worst impacts. They are less affected by increased food prices and climate disasters, can afford insurance and to move from one place to another, and have greater resources to draw on in times of crisis.

It is the poorest – those least responsible for climate changing emissions – who suffer the most. They suffer higher losses, live in the most impacted regions, and have little to no access to savings, public support or welfare when crisis strikes. They are also least able to exercise their rights as they are the least powerful and less well represented politically.

What can we do?

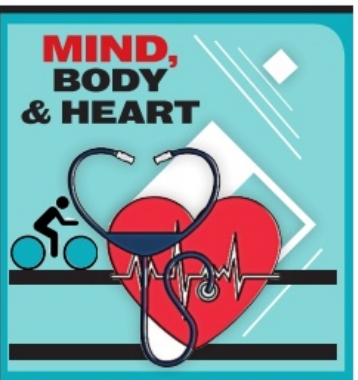
There are two things we can do to address global carbon inequity. The first is to institute wealth and income taxes to reduce damaging social inequality and the carbon pollution of the super rich.

Oxfam's report found that a 60% tax on the richest 1% could cut the equivalent of the total emissions of the UK. We could go further still and introduce a progressive land and inheritance tax as well as introduce maximum wages in industries to further reduce inequality.

The second is to curb high-polluting forms of extreme consumption, from SUVs to short-haul air travel, as well as excessive meat and dairy consumption. For this to not be regressive, it would have to be accompanied by massive investment in public services and provisioning, as well as action on insulation and fuel poverty.

Ultimately it is not just the consumption of the super-rich that needs to be massively reduced. Control over major industries and sectors needs to be moved out of private hands into public ownership. An economy run for the benefit of a wealthy minority will never be socially or environmentally just. In order to close the great carbon divide we must transform private excess into public control and wealth.

(By Nicholas Beuret, University of Essex, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Overweight issues

Antibody response
Being overweight can impair the body's antibody response to SARS-CoV-2 infection but not to the protection offered by covid-19 vaccination, according to a study.

Covid and overweight
The finding, published in the journal Clinical & Translational Immunology, builds on the team's existing research on how covid-19 affects people who are overweight.

Severity increases
"We have previously shown that being overweight—not just being obese—increases the severity of SARS-CoV-2," said Marcus Tong, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Queensland in Australia.

No effect on vaccination
"But this work shows that being overweight creates an impaired antibody response to SARS-CoV-2 infection but not to vaccination," Tong said.

Post-infection
The team collected blood samples from people who had recovered from covid-19 and not been reinfected during the study period, approximately three months and 13 months post-infection. "At three months post-infection, an elevated BMI was associated with reduced antibody levels," Tong said.

What are B cells
"And at 13 months post-infection, an elevated BMI was associated with both reduced antibody activity and a reduced percentage of the relevant B cells, a type of cell that helps build these covid-fighting antibodies," he added.

Elevated BMI
The body mass index (BMI) is defined as the body mass divided by the square of the body height. In contrast, an elevated BMI had no effect on the antibody response to covid vaccination at around six months after the second vaccine was administered, the researchers said.

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Kakuro

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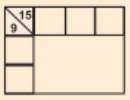
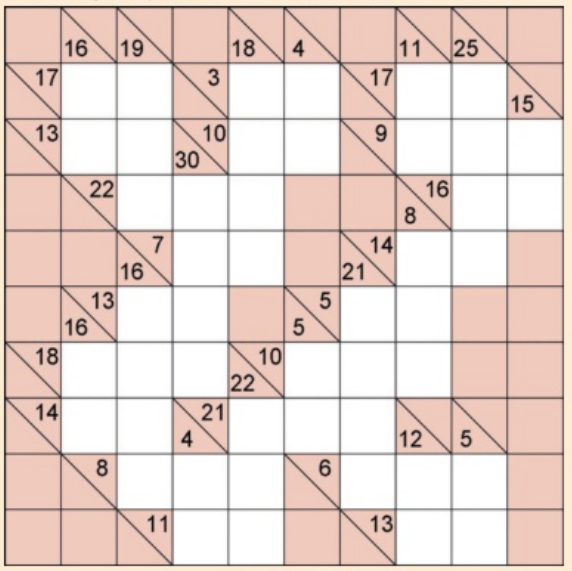


Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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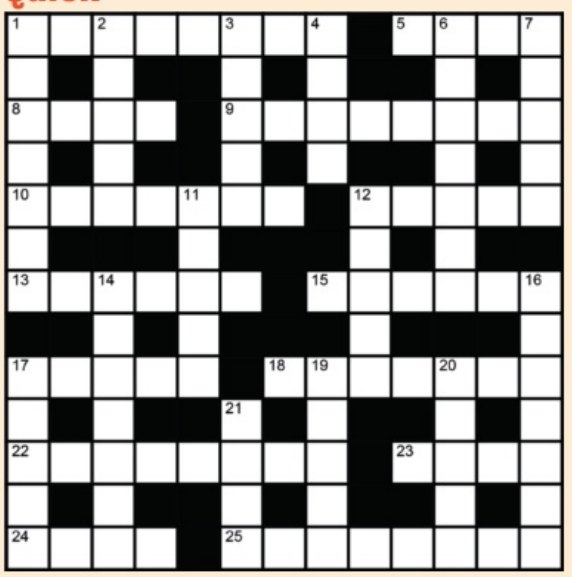


ACROSS

1 Recoiled (8)
5 K Asif's magnum opus Mughal-e-___ (4)
8 Not of the clergy (4)
9 Adorned with precious stones (8)
10 Pariah (7)
12 Rob or purloin (5)
13 Attends or takes part as a visitor? (4,2)
15 Violate (6)
17 Day to day, everyday (5)
18 Sharp rapping or knocking sound (3-1-3)
22 Situation lacking defined characteristics (4,4)
23 Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike in short (4)
24 Becomes firm (4)
25 Things that happen (6-2)

DOWN

1 Rolls about in mud? (7)
2 An unforeseen development (5)
3 Gowns (5)
4 Toupees (4)
6 Central African river (7)
7 Military award (5)
11 Friendship or harmony (5)
12 Begin (5)
14 Three-pronged weapon (7)
16 Find or discover by chance? (3,4)
17 Venetian Magistrates (5)
19 Fine fiddle (5)
20 Hollow cylinders (5)
21 Adult tadpole (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: K EQUALS H

EM S HSU WUPQR UPF QKSF KSVXPIV KD RDDWR, SUG QEUB ER FKD VELKF QEUB.

Linemaro

Your cooking is better than mom's

Mindchow

When we stop explaining everything to ourselves, we discover that in silence, understanding is there

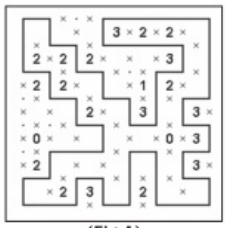
Joke of the day

What does the word meteorologist mean in English? It means liar

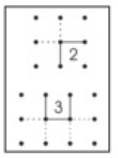
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

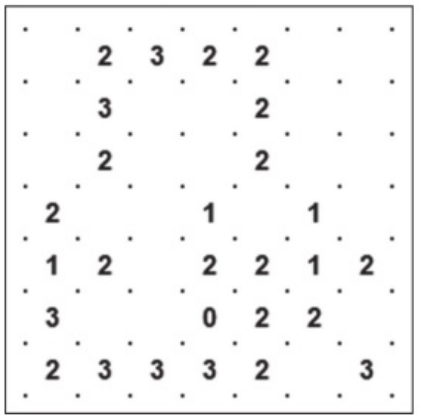


(Fig B) Not Allowed

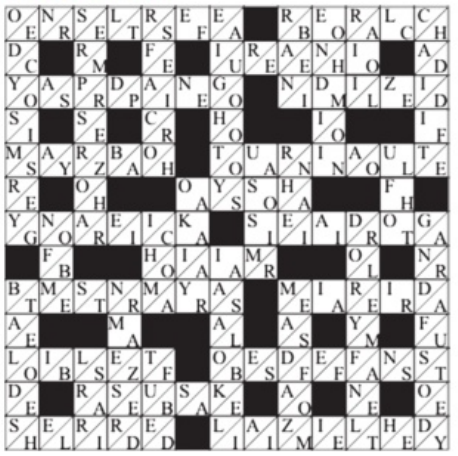
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



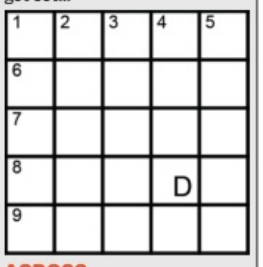
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

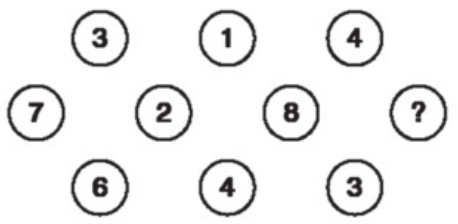
1 Ere GP; 6 La Lau;
7 Mined; 8 Media;
9 ie Cry

DOWN

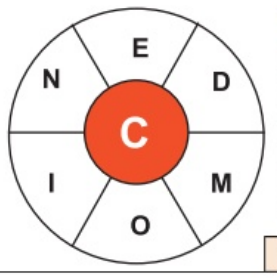
1 Darar; 2 Emile;
3 Cup in; 4 Li Dee;
5 My age

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

13 Average; 15 Good; 17 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		5				9		
	1		9		7		3	
	2		1		5		4	
6		2		3		1		4
3		9		2		8		7
	7		5		8		9	
	3		2		4		7	
		1				5		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 11

2 4 5 8

Medium = 13

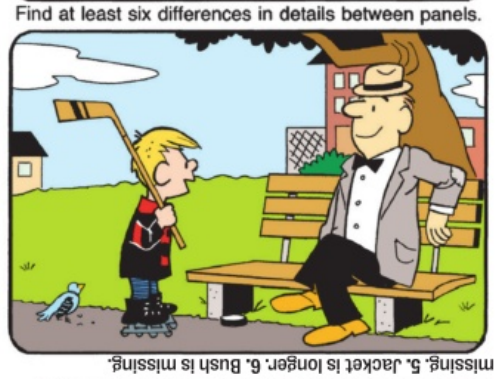
1 3 4 6

Hard = 18

3 4 7 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



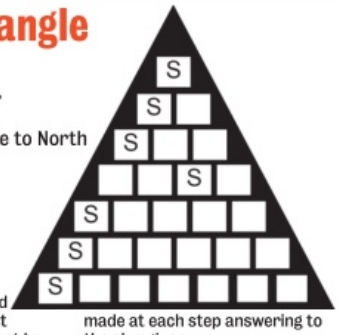
Differences: 1. House is smaller. 2. Hockey stick is shorter. 3. Bird is smaller. 4. Slat on back of bench is missing. 5. Jacket is longer. 6. Bush is missing.

Riddler

Rearrange the letter groups to make three types of ship; IGH, INE, RAN, FRE, CAT, MAR, TER, SUB, AMA.

Alpha triangle

1 Curved letter
2 Thus
3 A chronic drinker
4 Emcee
5 Direction opposite to North
6 Looked for
7 Firearm



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

DID YOU KNOW WE HORSES HAVE TO SLEEP STANDING UP?
DID YOU KNOW WE HORSES HAVE TO SLEEP STANDING UP?
DID YOU KNOW THAT...
9-2
NEVER MIND...

Bizarrotrip

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Tell me more about this voice that compels you to hoard animals, Noah.
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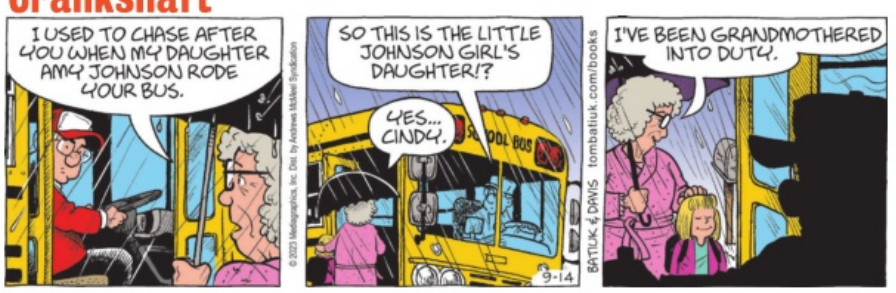
Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

I WONDER WHAT SHOES MY MOM SHOULD GET FOR THE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT.
UHMM... HOW MANY TICKETS WERE SOLD ALREADY...?
I HOPE YOU GUYS AREN'T TAKING THIS TOURNAMENT TOO SERIOUSLY.
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH A LITTLE HEALTHY COMPETITION.
IF YOU CONSIDER TEAM RED COMPETITION.
AND I DO.

Crankshaft


I USED TO CHASE AFTER YOU WHEN MY DAUGHTER AMY JOHNSON RODE YOUR BUS.
SO THIS IS THE LITTLE JOHNSON GIRL'S DAUGHTER!?
YES... CINDY.
I'VE BEEN GRANDMOTHERED INTO DUTY.
9-14

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, new sources of income are likely to be opened. Your past investments may give you a good profit, which will boost your bank balance. You are likely to connect with a social organisation, which will increase your network. Singles may find a soul mate in terms of marriage.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may expect some instant gains in your business, which may boost your confidence level as well as your bank balance. It is advised to avoid stress in domestic life. There would be some momentum on the business and work fronts. Your prestige may be increased. You may also enjoy chanting mantras or practicing meditation.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, blessings from elders may make you confident. You can follow your intuition before taking any initiatives that may help you at work. Your intuition may help you gain more in terms of finance. You are likely to visit some religious place with your family members. You must control your arrogance to enjoy your domestic life. Students may expect good results with the help of destiny.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, things would not be favourable. You may feel dull and unhappy. Some mysterious fear may make you upset. You are likely to be attracted to the occult. You may feel a lack of confidence, which may affect your work. It is best to avoid rushing and risky adventure tours.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon. Love would be in the air in terms of personal life. Singles may find a suitable match. You may do better in terms of your professional life. Your friends and subordinate staff are likely to support you.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be able to make a balance between your earnings and expenses, which may boost your bank balance. You are likely to perform better in your job. Your boss can give you new responsibilities in terms of promotions. You may get back your money, which was stuck. You may be able to control your opponents and hidden enemies.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be in a hurry. You are advised to drive safely. But with the blessing of the elders, you may come out of this messy situation. You are likely to be more romantic in your love life, and harmony in your domestic life may come. You may expect some positive results in new partnerships. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may feel dull due to sleeplessness; you may be scattered to- wards your goals, which may affect your working efficiency. You may plan to visit a religious place. But in the late evening, you may be blessed by your elders; you may find out your mistakes and make a good plan for the coming day. You are advised to take care of your parent's health.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, your subordinate staff may be cooperative, which may help you complete postponed projects. You are likely to join some social events, which may boost your network and help you in your work or social life. You may plan to go on an outing with friends. Some disputes with friends may be settled now. Students are advised to avoid being careless.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, your communication skills may help you on a professional front. You are likely to be more polite with everyone around you, which may help you speed up your projects. Love birds are likely to exchange their views with each other, which may lay the foundation of their relationship.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you are blessed by the moon. A new partnership may give you benefits. Your energy level is likely to be high. Your hard work and enthusiasm may pay off in terms of financial gains. Self-respect may protect you from the negative people around you.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel dullness and unhappiness. You should be advised to avoid harsh conversations with friends and family members. You may also not be able to get proper reciprocation for your hard work. You need to follow your intuition. It is advised to keep your patience while making important decisions.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
$5^n \cdot 5^2 = 5^{n+2}$
5^n; $n = 1$

RIDDLER
Catamaran, freighter, submarine

FAST FIVE

R	E	P	E	G
A	L	U	L	A
D	E	N	I	M
A	M	I	D	E
R	I	C	E	Y

QUOTE UNCODE
If a man knows not what harbour he seeks, any wind is the right wind.

STRIKE OUT

S	L	I	D	E	■	L	I	M	I	T	E	D	■	■
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QUICK

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SUDOKU

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1	4	7	8	5	6	3	2	9
5	3	8	2	9	4	6	7	1
4	9	1	6	7	3	5	8	2

MENSA PUZZLE
$6: 36 \times 2 = 72$; $14 \times 2 = 28$ and $43 \times 2 = 86$

BULL'S EYE
code, coin, coined, icon, income, medic, mice, mince, minced, nice, once

GO FIGURE
Easy
$2 + 5 - 4 + 8 = 11$
Medium
$6 + 4 \times 1 + 3 = 13$
Hard
$3 + 7 - 4 \times 3 = 18$

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, So, Sot, Host, South, Sought, Shotgun.

LOOP

KAKURO

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At home in B-Town—Amy Jackson is known for her work in Indian cinema. This week, the British actress and model talked about starting out in Indian cinema at age 16. "When you're that young, you embrace it. "I fully embraced that world; it was amazing," she said

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Deepika in LA land

Actor Deepika Padukone attended the 2023 Academy Museum Gala on Sunday night in Los Angeles, California.

She is the first Indian star to be invited to the Academy Museum Gala.

Deepika took to Instagram stories to share pictures of herself from the event.

She looked gorgeous in a purple-coloured velvet gown with long hanging earrings.

Fans from all over the world were ecstatic as she made India proud yet again by representing the country on such a large global stage.

A fan page from MAlasia took to X to share pictures of her from the event.

The Academy Museum Gala is the world's second-largest stage event after the Oscars, which are organised by the same board.

Deepika made history earlier this year when she took the stage at the Oscars to present the Indian music act.

She attended the event alongside celebs including Selena Gomez and Dua Lipa, as well as Natalie Portman and Meryl Streep.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Deepika was recently seen in the Shah Rukh Khan starrer 'Jawan', portraying the character of Aishwarya Rathore.

She will be seen in the sci-fi action film 'Kalki 2898 AD' opposite Prabhas and director Siddharth Anand's aerial action thriller film 'Fighter' opposite Hrithik Roshan. She also has 'Singham Again' in her kitty.

'Singham Again' is the third instalment of the super-hit franchise and the film is all set to hit theatres on the occasion of Independence Day 2024. It will face a big clash with Allu Arjun's 'Pushpa 2'. —ANI

In the spotlight

Triptii Dimri's elegant presence has made her new national crush

As Animal roars into theatres, Ranbir Kapoor's intense drama has not only captivated audiences but also catapulted co-star Triptii Dimri into the spotlight, earning her the endearing title of the 'national crush.' Known for her diverse roles in films like 'Laila Majnu' and 'Qala,' Dimri's portrayal in the latest cinematic venture has garnered immense praise, solidifying her position as a rising star in the industry

In a recent social media post shared by the actress, basking in the success of 'Animal' alongside Ranbir Kapoor, Rashmika Mandanna, Anil Kapoor, and Bobby Deol, Dimri radiated elegance in a pink floral dress with blue heels, her open hair and subtle makeup capturing attention.

Her mesmerising presence on screen in 'Animal,' a film delving into the intricate dynamics of a father-son relationship, has been a driving force behind the movie's buzz at the box office since its December 1 release. The ensemble cast, including Dimri alongside Kapoor, Deol, Mandanna, and Kapoor, has contributed to the film's allure. Looking ahead, Dimri's calendar brims with promising projects. Among them are 'Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video' and 'Mere Mehboob Mere Sanam,' the latter featuring the talented Vicky Kaushal alongside her. 'Animal,' helmed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga of 'Kabir Singh' fame, stormed into theatres in five languages, such as Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada. — ETimes

Kate on friendship with Leonardo

Actor Kate Winslet says she and her "Titanic" co-star Leonardo DiCaprio "clicked immediately" when they met on the set of the blockbuster movie.

The Oscar-winning actors played doomed lovers Jack and Rose in James Cameron's romance drama that went on to become one of the most successful movies in 1997. In a behind-the-scenes featurette from the film's upcoming 4K Ultra HD DVD release, Winslet, 48, also reflected on her bond with Dicaprio. "Once I started working with Leo, we were able to kind of find our own rhythm," she said in a clip shared by Entertainment Tonight.

"And it's amazing to kind of look back and think about it all over again," she said adding that they "clicked immediately, right away."

"He was this kind of mess of long, skinny, uncoordinated limbs, and he was just very free with himself, and he had this effervescent energy that was really magnetic. And I remember thinking, 'Oh, this is gonna be fun. We're definitely gonna get along.' And we just really did. We just really did."

Calling DiCaprio, 49, as a "ferociously intelligent man", Winslet said he was fascinated with the period. The actor, who like DiCaprio has gone on to establish a successful Hollywood career, said they still take out time to speak to each other. — PTI

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

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35th movie

Prajwal Devaraj, who debuted as a hero in Sandalwood with Sixer in 2007, is excited about his 35th movie Mafia. Mafia's teaser was launched by Prashant Sambargi of Bigg Boss fame at a function on Friday.

"I thank all those who encouraged me to act in Kannada movies. My father was a bit hesitant when director Shashank approached him to narrate the script of Sixer. Later, my father consented. My joy knew no bounds when my father appreciated me for my performance. Now, my 35th movie Mafia is ready for release. I am confident that Mafia will entertain all audiences," said Prajwal. He was all praise for director Lohith. "I played a different character in this movie that has a lot of action and romantic scenes. Aditi Prabhudeva is an amazing actress. I thank producer Kumar for ensuring there is no compromise with quality. Shine Shetty plays a cop in the movie," Prajwal said.

Kumar B has bankrolled Mafia under the Bengaluru Kumar Films banner. According to the director, Mafia revolves around organ trade which is also known as the red market. Kumar said that arrangements are being made to release the film in January. Aditi Prabhudeva said she plays a bubbly girl in the film that is being made in Kannada, Tamil, and Telugu.

On board

Yogesh aka Loose Mada or Yogi is happy to share screen space with Srinagar Kitty. Yogesh and Srinagar are appearing together in a film for the second time, with the latest Rosy. They were seen previously in the film Hudugaru in which Power Star Puneeth Rajkumar played the lead. This is Yogesh's 50th movie as a hero.

A function was held at Shanthinagar to release the poster aimed at introducing the character played by Srinagar Kitty. A 30-ft cutout of his character – Christopher - was released on Saturday.

The poster shows him with a snake tattoo on hand, a chain with a cross in the neck, and a pistol in his hand -was attractive and different. The team of Rosy also received Srinagar Kitty in a grand manner. "I was happy when director Shoonya narrated the script to me. Now, I am very happy seeing the poster. I am playing Christopher," said Srinagar Kitty.

On the occasion, Yogesh said that he is very happy to share the screen space with Srinagar. A well-known Tamil choreographer Sandy Master is playing the Aandaal character in Rosy. With this movie, Sandy Master debuts in Sandalwood.